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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13 and 18-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13 and 18-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to communications filed November 16, 2007.

Specification

2. The amendments made to the specification have been received and considered by the examiner. The amendments have not been entered by the examiner because the placement of the amendments into the specification as indicated by applicant appears improper. The amendments recite "The previously described invention...", however at page 16, between lines 13 and 14, applicant has not finished describing the invention. Examiner therefore suggests adding the amended paragraph at page 22 between lines 21 and 22.

3. Further, examiner noticed the last paragraph in the amended specification filed May 27, 2005 is incomplete. Examiner suggests adding "claims." to the end of the paragraph to complete the paragraph as originally filed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. In response to the cancellation of claims 1-6, examiner has withdrawn the rejection to claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The indicated allowability of claims 7-13 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Alcorn et al. (hereinafter Alcorn), U.S. Patent 6,988,138. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 7-13, 18-24, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Alcorn.

8. In considering claims 7 and 18, Alcorn discloses a method for presenting virtual events (i.e. virtual classroom sessions) through a network interfaced with the Internet, the method comprising: authorizing plural organizations (i.e. institutions) access to the network by an organization administrator (i.e. enterprise administrator), wherein the organization administrator is granted authority to grant access by an administrator (i.e. person/entity offering the institution a licensing program for three tier

functionality), (see col. 10, line 61-col. 11, line 50, col. 19, lines 17-28, and col. 24, lines 14-24); each organization authorizing the creation of one or more virtual events through the network, each virtual event having an associated event champion (i.e. instructor), (see col. 17, lines 20-38 and col. 19, lines 17-28); establishing a virtual event architecture for each virtual event by the associated event champion, the virtual event architecture identifying one or more content contributors (i.e. students), (see col. 19, lines 17-51, also see "Participant Information" in the table in col. 20); and uploading content by the content contributors from the Internet, the associated event champion authorized to approve the uploaded content, (see col. 19, lines 17-51, also see "Access Control" in the table in col. 20); and providing unregistered attendees (i.e. guest speakers/subject matter experts) authority to view predetermined portions of the virtual events, (see col. 19, lines 17-28, and col. 27, lines 12-32).

9. In considering claims 8 and 19, Alcorn further discloses defining a predetermined time period for presentation of a virtual event (i.e. calendar event, course task, quiz) through the Internet, (col. 18, lines 39-60, col. 22, lines 35-57); and authorizing predetermined attendees (i.e. students) to access the virtual event during the predetermined time period, (col. 18, lines 39-60, col. 22, lines 35-57, also see col. 27, lines 12-32).

10. In considering claims 9 and 20, Alcorn further discloses establishing membership to the network for an attendee before authorizing access by that attendee

to the virtual event, (col. 27, lines 12-32, also see col. 18, lines 39-60 and col. 22, lines 35-57).

11. In considering claims 10 and 21, Alcorn further discloses wherein establishing the virtual event architecture further comprises identifying one or more sponsors (i.e. the institution that has licensed the product) of a virtual event, (col. 13, lines 33-49, also see col. 17, lines 32-38 and Fig. 16).

12. In considering claims 11 and 22, Alcorn further discloses wherein establishing the virtual event architecture further comprises identifying one or more exhibitors (i.e. students) of the virtual event, (see "Participant Information" in the table in col. 20).

13. In considering claims 12 and 23, Alcorn further discloses previewing by the event champion of content (i.e. incoming questions) loaded to a virtual event, (see col. 19, lines 29-51, also see "Incoming Questions" in the table in col. 20); and authorizing the previewed content by the event champion for presentation in the virtual event, (see "Access Control" in the table in col. 20).


14. In considering claims 13 and 24, Alcorn further discloses wherein the content comprises a video presentation, (col. 12, lines 11-21).

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hassan Phillips whose telephone number is 571-272-3940. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8am-5pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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